

# Missouri Department of Natural Resources



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### APPLICATION FOR MISSOURI STATE OPERATING PERMIT

DATE: August 4, 2006

In accordance with the state Clean Water Law, Chapter 644, RSMo, Clean Water Commission regulation 10 CSR 20-6.010, and the federal Clean Water Act, the applicants listed herein have applied for authorization to either discharge to waters of the state or to operate a no-discharge wastewater treatment facility. The proposed permits for these operations are consistent with applicable water quality standards, effluent standards and/or treatment requirements or suitable timetables to meet these requirements (see 10 CSR 20-7.015 and 7.031). All permits will be issued for a period of five years, unless noted otherwise in the Public Notice for that discharge.

On the basis of preliminary staff review and the application of applicable standards and regulations, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, as administrative agent for the Missouri Clean Water Commission, proposes to issue a permit(s) subject to certain effluent limitations, schedules, and special conditions. The proposed determinations are tentative pending public comment.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed effluent limitations and/or determinations are invited to submit them in writing to the Department of Natural Resources, Southwest Regional Office, Water Pollution Unit, 2040 W. Woodland, Springfield, Missouri 65807, ATTN: Cynthia S. Davies, Regional Director. Please include the permit number in all comment letters.

Comments should be confined to the issues relating to the proposed action and permit(s) and the effect on water quality. The department may not consider as relevant comments or objections to a permit based on issues outside the authority of the Clean Water Commission, (see Curdt v. Mo. Clean Water Commission, 586 S.W.2d 58 Mo. App. 1979).

All comments must be postmarked by September 3, 2006 or received in our office by 5:00 p.m. on September 6, 2006. The requirement of a signed document makes it impossible to accept email comments for consideration at this time. Comments will be considered in the formulation of all final determinations regarding the applications. If response to this notice indicates significant public interest, a public meeting or hearing may be held after due notice for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed permit or determination. Public hearings and/or issuance of the permit will be conducted or processed according to 10 CSR 20-6.020.

Copies of all draft permits, comments, and other information including copies of applicable regulations are available for inspection and copying at the department's website, <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/wpcp-pn.htm> or at the Department of Natural Resources, Southwest Regional Office, Water Pollution Unit, 2040 W. Woodland, Springfield, Missouri 65807, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Public Notice Date: August 4, 2006

Permit Number: MO-R23A123

Southwest Regional Office

<b>FACILITY NAME AND ADDRESS</b>	<b>NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER</b>
Airgas 9221 Wheeler Arch Road Mountain Grove, MO 65711	Airgas Mid America Inc. 3500 Bernard Ave. St. Louis, MO 63103
<b>RECEIVING STREAM &amp; LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>TYPE OF DISCHARGE</b>
Unnamed Tributary to Whestone Creek, NE¼, SE¼, Sec. 07, T28N, R12W, Wright County	Industrial Stormwater, new

STATE OF MISSOURI  
**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**  
MISSOURI CLEAN WATER COMMISSION



**MISSOURI STATE OPERATING PERMIT**

GENERAL PERMIT

In compliance with the Missouri Clean Water Law, (Chapter 644 R.S. Mo. as amended, hereinafter, the Law), and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (Public Law 92-500, 92<sup>nd</sup> Congress) as amended,

Permit No.

MO-R23A123

Owner:

Airgas Mid America Inc.

Address:

3500 Bernard Ave., St. Louis, MO 63103

Continuing Authority:

Same as above

Address:

Same as above

Facility Name:

Airgas

Facility Address:

9221 Wheeler Arch Road, Mountain Grove, MO 65711

Legal Description:

NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Sec. 07, T28N, R21W, Wright County

Receiving Stream:

Unnamed Tributary to Whestone Creek (U)

First Classified Stream and ID:

Whestone Creek (P) (01504)

USGS Basin & Sub-watershed No.:

(10290201-010005)

is authorized to discharge from the facility described herein, in accordance with the effluent limitations and monitoring requirements as set forth herein:

**FACILITY DESCRIPTION**

All Outfalls

Chemical and Lubricant Manufacturing – Storm water runoff only.

(For SIC Codes see page two)

This permit authorizes only wastewater, including storm waters, discharges under the Missouri Clean Water Law and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System; it does not apply to other regulated areas. This permit may be appealed in accordance with Section 644.051.6 of the Law.

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Effective Date

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Issue Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Michael D. Wells, Acting Director, Department of Natural Resources  
Executive Secretary, Clean Water Commission

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Expiration Date

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Cynthia S. Davies, Regional Director, Southwest Regional Office

### APPLICABILITY

1. This permit authorizes the discharge of storm water runoff from chemical and lubricant manufacturing facilities and storage operations to waters of the state of Missouri, including, but not limited to, establishments with a primary Standard Industrial Classification Code (SIC) of 28xx, (except 282x (certain plastics and rubbers) and 287x (agrichemical facilities) and 2992. These activities are covered under a different general permit.
2. This permit does not apply to storm water discharges:
  - (a) Within 1,000 feet of streams identified as a losing stream\*,
  - (b) Within 1,000 feet of streams or lakes listed as an outstanding national or state resource water\*,
  - (c) Within 1,000 feet of reservoirs or lakes used for public drinking water supplies (class L1)\*,
  - (d) Within 1,000 feet of streams, lakes, or reservoirs identified as critical habitat for endangered species,
  - (e) Within 500 feet of intermittent streams (class C) or wetlands\*,
  - (f) Within 100 feet of a permanent stream (class R)\* or major reservoir (class L2)\*,
  - (g) Within two stream miles upstream of biocriteria reference locations\*, or
  - (h) Where discharge is to a sinkhole or other direct conduit to groundwater.

\* Identified or described in 10 CSR 20, Chapter 7. These regulations are available at many libraries and may be purchased from MDNR by call the Water Protection Program.
3. If at any time the Missouri Department of Natural Resources determines that the quality of waters of the state may be better protected by requiring the owner/operator of the permitted site to apply for a site specific permit, the department may do so.
4. This permit only pertains to discharges of storm water.
5. If at any time the permittee should desire to apply for an individual State Operating Permit, the owner may do so. Holders of current individual State Operating permits who desire to apply for inclusion under this general permit should contact the department for application requirements.

### EXEMPTIONS

Facilities that discharge storm water runoff directly to a combined sewer system are exempt from storm water permit requirements.

### REQUIREMENTS

1. Water Quality Standards
  - (a) Discharges to waters of the state shall not cause a violation of water quality standards rule under 10 CSR 20-7.031, including both specific and general criteria.
  - (b) General Criteria. The following general water quality criteria shall be applicable to all waters of the state at all times including mixing zones. No water contaminant, by itself or in combination with other substances, shall prevent the waters of the state from meeting the following conditions:
    - (1) Waters shall be free from substances in sufficient amounts to cause the formation of putrescent, unsightly or harmful bottom deposits or prevent full maintenance of beneficial uses;
    - (2) Waters shall be free from oil, scum and floating debris in sufficient amounts to be unsightly or prevent full maintenance of beneficial uses;
    - (3) Waters shall be free from substances in sufficient amounts to cause unsightly color or turbidity, offensive odor or prevent full maintenance of beneficial uses;
    - (4) Waters shall be free from substances or conditions in sufficient amounts to result in toxicity to human, animal or aquatic life;

- (5) There shall be no significant human health hazard from incidental contact with the water;

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REQUIREMENTS (continued)

- (6) There shall be no acute toxicity to livestock or wildlife watering;
- (7) Waters shall be free from physical, chemical or hydrologic changes that would impair the natural biological community;
- (8) Waters shall be free from used tires, car bodies, appliances, demolition debris, used vehicles or equipment and solid waste as defined in Missouri's Solid Waste Law, section 260.200, RSMo, except as the use of such materials is specifically permitted pursuant to section 260.200-260.247.
2. All paint, solvents, petroleum products and petroleum waste products (except fuels), and storage containers (such as drums, cans, or cartons) shall be stored so that these materials are not exposed to storm water. Sufficient practices of spill prevention, control, and/or management shall be provided to prevent any spills of these pollutants from entering a water of the state. Any containment system used to implement this requirement shall be constructed of materials compatible with the substances contained and shall also prevent the contamination of groundwater.
3. Collection facilities shall be provided on-site, and arrangement made for proper disposal of waste products, including but not limited to, petroleum waste products and solvents.
4. Good housekeeping practices shall be maintained on the site to keep solid waste from entry into waters of the state.
5. All fueling facilities present on the site shall adhere to applicable federal and state regulations concerning underground storage, above ground storage, and dispensers, including spill prevention, control and counter measures.
6. Substances regulated by federal law under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) or the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) that are transported, stored, or used for maintenance, cleaning or repair shall be managed according to the provisions of RCRA and CERCLA.
7. An individual shall be designated by the permittee as responsible for environmental matters. Staff of the permitted facility shall inspect, on workdays, any structures that function to prevent pollution of storm water or to remove pollutants from storm water and of the facility in general to ensure that any Best Management Practices are continually implemented and effective.
8. All involved personnel shall be trained in material handling and storage, and housekeeping of maintenance areas. Upon request, proof of training shall be submitted to the Department.
9. A storm water pollution prevention plan shall be developed within 30 days of receipt of this permit and implemented within 90 days of receipt of this permit. The plan will be developed in accordance with the EPA guidance manual "Storm Water Management for Industrial Activities" (EPA 832\_R-92006, 9/92). The permittee must submit the plan within 10 days of the receipt of a written request by the Department and the plan shall be available during site inspections. The plan does not need to be submitted to the Water Protection Program for approval.
10. Report as no-discharge when a discharge does not occur during the reporting period.
11. All outfalls must be clearly marked in the field.

A. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS				PAGE NUMBER 4 of 5		
				PERMIT NUMBER MO-R23A123		
The permittee is authorized to discharge from outfall(s) with serial number(s) as specified in the application for this permit. The final effluent limitations shall become effective upon issuance and remain in effect until expiration of the permit. Such discharges shall be controlled, limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:						
OUTFALL NUMBER AND EFFLUENT PARAMETER(S)	UNITS	FINAL EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS			MONITORING REQUIREMENTS	
		DAILY MAXIMUM	WEEKLY AVERAGE	MONTHLY AVERAGE	MEASUREMENT FREQUENCY	SAMPLE TYPE
<u>All Outfalls</u>						
Flow	MGD	*		*	once/quarter**	24 hr. estimate
Oil and Grease	mg/L	15.0		10.0	once/quarter**	grab
Chemical Oxygen Demand	mg/L	120		90	once/quarter**	grab
Chemicals currently stored outside or in the last 3 years (See Sampling Requirements)	mg/L	*		*	2/five year*****	grab
pH – Units	SU	***		***	once/quarter**	grab
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	70		70	once/quarter**	grab
Color****		*		*	once/quarter**	grab
Bulk Materials (See Sampling Requirements)	µg/L	*		*	2/five year*****	grab
MONITORING REPORTS SHALL BE SUBMITTED <u>QUARTERLY</u> ; THE FIRST REPORT IS DUE <u>&lt; date &gt;</u> . THERE SHALL BE NO DISCHARGE OF FLOATING SOLIDS OR VISIBLE FOAM IN OTHER THAN TRACE AMOUNTS.						
B. STANDARD CONDITIONS						
IN ADDITION TO SPECIFIED CONDITIONS STATED HEREIN, THIS PERMIT IS SUBJECT TO THE ATTACHED <u>Part I</u> STANDARD CONDITIONS DATED <u>October 1, 1980</u> , AND HEREBY INCORPORATED AS THOUGH FULLY SET FORTH HEREIN.						

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#### A. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS (continued)

- \* Monitoring requirement only.
- \*\* Permittee shall collect and analyze four samples per year, taken during a rainfall which exceeds 0.1 inches and results in a discharge, and also at any time at the request of the department. Samples to be taken during the quarters beginning with the months of January, April, July, and October. Sample results must be submitted to the department within 28 days of the last day of the quarter. For example, sample results for the first quarter (January – March) must be submitted by April 28<sup>th</sup>.
- \*\*\* pH is measured in pH units and is not to be averaged. The pH is limited to the range of 6.0-9.0 pH units.
- \*\*\*\* Description of the visual appearance of the effluent. For example: clear, green, black, etc.
- \*\*\*\*\* Samples taken during the first quarter, shall be analyzed for these chemicals/materials in the first year and fourth year of permit.

### SAMPLING REQUIREMENTS

1. The permittee shall collect and analyze two representative samples taken during a rainfall event, which exceeds 0.1 inches and results in a discharge. The first sample shall be taken within twelve (12) months after permit is issued to the permittee and the second sample shall be taken by the permittee during the fourth year of the permit. The samples shall be analyzed for chemicals listed in 40 CFR 122 Appendix D (see Attachment 1) which are currently or have been stored or disposed of outside in the last three years in open or unsecured containers, loaded or unloaded, or treated and exposed to storm water. A secure container shall be deemed to be a container with a lid which has never been opened since it was originally sealed.
2. Other soluble bulk materials that are not listed in 40 CFR 122 Appendix D (see Attachment 1) that are stored outside and exposed to storm water must also be monitored. If permittee has questions concerning which parameters to sample and test for, contact the Water Protection Program.
3. Exempted from monitoring requirements are iron and aluminum, when stored outside in the form of solid pieces of steel and aluminum, and gases.
4. If gasoline, diesel, or other liquid fuels are stored outside in above ground containers or were stored in the previous three years then monitoring must include benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylene.
5. This permit may be reopened and modified, or alternatively revoked and reissued, to:
  - (a) Comply with any applicable effluent standard or limitation issued or approved under Sections 301(b)(2)(C) and (D), 304(b)(2), and 307(a)(2) of the Clean Water Act, if the effluent standard or limitation so issued or approved:
    - (1) contains different conditions or is otherwise more stringent than any effluent limitation in the permit; or
    - (2) controls any pollutant not limited in the permit.
  - (b) Incorporate new or modified effluent limitations or other conditions, if the result of a waste load allocation study, toxicity test, or other information indicates changes are necessary to assure compliance with Missouri's Water Quality Standards.
  - (c) Incorporate new or modified effluent limitations or other conditions if, as the result of a watershed analysis, a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) limitation is developed for the receiving waters which are currently included in Missouri's list of waters of the state not fully achieving the state's water quality standards, also called the 303(d) list.

The permit as modified or reissued under this paragraph shall also contain any other requirements of the Clean Water Act then applicable.

### TERMINATION OF PERMIT

This permit may be terminated when activities covered by this permit have ceased and no significant materials are stored in such a way as to come into contact with storm water, or if a transfer of ownership of the facility and its activities has been made. If such a termination is sought, the permittee shall submit Form H, Termination of a General Permit.

### DUTY OF COMPLIANCE

The permittee shall comply with all conditions of this general permit. Any noncompliance with this general permit constitutes a violation of Chapter 644, Missouri Clean Water Law, and 10 CSR 20-6.200. Noncompliance may result in enforcement action, termination of this authorization, or denial of the permittee's request for renewal.

### PERMIT TRANSFER

This permit may be transferred to a new owner by submitting an "Application for Transfer of Operating Permit" signed by the seller and buyer of the facility, along with the appropriate modification fee.

### RECORDS RETENTION AND REPORTING

All sampling data shall be maintained by the permittee for a period of five (5) years and shall be supplied to the Department of Natural Resources upon written request (supersedes Part I. Section A: 7. Records Retention).

## PERMIT RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS

Unless this permit is terminated, the permittee shall submit an application for the renewal of this permit no later than six (6) months prior to the permit's expiration date.

## ATTACHMENT 1

Appendix D, To Part 122 - NPDES Permit Application Testing Requirements (122.21)

Table II - Organic Toxic Pollutants In Each Of Four Fractions In Analysis By Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectroscopy (GS/MS).

<u>Volatiles</u>		<u>Base/Neutral</u>	
1	Vacrolein	1B	acenaphthene
2	Vacrylonitrile	2B	acenaphthylene
3	Vbenzene	3B	anthracene
5	Vbromoform	4B	benzidine
6	Vcarbon tetrachloride	5B	benzo(a)anthracene
7	Vchlorobenzene	6B	benzo(a)pyrene
8	Vchlorodibromomethane	7B	3,4-benzofluoranthene
9	Vchloroethane	8B	benzo(ghi)perylene
10	V2-chloroethylvinyl ether	9B	benzo(k)fluoranthene
11	Vchloroform	10B	bis(2-chloroethoxy)methane
12	Vdichlorobromomethane	11B	bis(2-chloroethyl)ether
14	V1,1-dichloroethane	12B	bis(2-chloroisopropyl)ether
15	V1,2-dichloroethane	13B	bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate
16	V1,1-dichloroethylene	14B	4-bromophenyl phenyl ether
17	V1,2-dichloropropane	15B	butylbenzyl phthalate
18	V1,3-dichloropropylene	16B	2-chloronaphthalene
19	Vethylbenzene	17B	4-chlorophenyl phenyl ether
20	Vmethyl bromide	18B	chrysene
21	Vmethyl chloride	19B	dibenzo(a,h)anthracene
22	Vmethylene chloride	20B	1,2-dichlorobenzene
23	V1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane	21B	1,3-dichlorobenzene
24	Vtetrachloroethylene	22B	1,4-dichlorobenzene
25	Vtoluene	23B	3,3'-dichlorobenzidine
26	V1,2-trans-dichloroethylene	24B	diethyl phthalate
27	V1,1,1-trichloroethane	25B	dimethyl phthalate
28	V1,1,2-trichloroethane	26B	di-n-butyl phthalate
29	Vtrichloroethylene	27B	2,4-dinitrotoluene
31	Vvinyl chloride	28B	2,6-dinitrotoluene
		29B	di-n-octyl phthalate
		30B	1,2-diphenylhydrazine (as azobenzene)
		31B	fluoranthene
		32B	fluorene
		33B	hexachlorobenzene
		34B	hexachlorobutadiene
		35B	hexachlorocyclopentadiene
		36B	hexachloroethane
		37B	indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene
		38B	isophorone
		39B	naphthalene
		40B	nitrobenzene
		41B	N-nitrosodimethylamine
		42B	N-nitrosodi-n-propylamine
		43B	N-nitrosodiphenylamine
		44B	phenanthrene
		45B	pyrene
		46B	1,2,4-trichlorobenzene
<u>Acid Compounds</u>			
1A	2-chlorophenol		
2A	2,4-dichlorophenol		
3A	2,4-dimethylphenol		
4A	4,6-dinitro-o-cresol		
5A	2,4 dinitrophenol		
6A	2-nitrophenol		
7A	4-nitrophenol		
8A	p-chloro-m-cresol		
9A	pentachlorophenol		
10A	phenol		
11A	2,4,6-trichlorophenol		



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ATTACHMENT 1 (continued)

Pesticides

1	Paldrin
2	Palpha-BHC
3	Pbeta-BHC
4	Pgamma-BHC
5	Pdelta-BHC
6	Pchlordan
7	P4,4'-DDT
8	P4,4'-DDE
9	P4,4'-DDD
10	Pieldrin
11	Palpha-endosulfan
12	Pbeta-endosulfan
13	Pendosulfan sulfate
14	Pendrin
15	Pendrin aldehyde
16	Pheptachlor
17	Pheptachlor epoxide
18	PPCB-1242
19	PPCB-1254
20	PPCB-1221
21	PPCB-1232
22	PPCB-1248
23	PPCB-1260
24	PPCB-1016
25	Ptoxaphene

Table IV – Conventional and Nonconventional  
Pollutants Required to be Tested by Existing  
Dischargers if Expected to be Present

Bromide  
Chlorine, Total Residual  
Color  
Fecal Coliform  
Fluoride  
Nitrate-Nitrite  
Nitrogen, Total Organic  
Oil and Grease  
Phosphorus, Total  
Radioactivity  
Sulfate  
Sulfide  
Sulfite  
Surfactants  
Aluminum, Total  
Barium, Total  
Boron, Total  
Cobalt, Total  
Iron, Total  
Magnesium, Total  
Molybdenum, Total  
Manganese, Total  
Tin, Total  
Titanium, Total

Table III – Other Toxic Pollutants  
(Metals and Cyanide) and Total Phenols

Antimony, Total  
Arsenic, Total  
Beryllium, Total  
Cadmium, Total  
Chromium, Total  
Copper, Total  
Lead, Total  
Mercury, Total  
Nickel, Total  
Selenium, Total  
Silver, Total  
Thallium, Total  
Zinc, Total  
Cyanide, Total  
Phenols, Total

Table V – Toxic Pollutants and Hazardous  
Substances Required to be Identified by Existing  
Dischargers if Expected to be Present

Toxic Pollutants

Asbestos

Hazardous Substances

Acetaldehyde  
Allyl alcohol  
Allyl chloride  
Amyl acetate  
Aniline  
Benzonitrile  
Benzyl chloride  
Butyl acetate  
Butylamine  
Captan  
Carbaryl  
Carbofuran

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Table V (continued)

Hazardous Substances (continued)

Carbon disulfide	Pyrethrins
Chlorpyrifos	Quinoline
Coumaphos	Resorcinol
Cresol Strontium	
Crotonaldehyde	Strychnine
Cyclohexane	Styrene
2,4-D(2,4-Dichlorophenoxy acetic acid)	2,4,5-T(2,4,5-Trichlorophenoxy acetic acid)
Diazinon	TDE(Tetrachlorodiphenylethane)
Dicamba	2,4,5-TP [2-(2,4,5-Trichlorophenoxy)
Dichlobenil	propanoic acid]
Dichlone	Trichlorofan
2,2-Dichloropropionic acid	Triethanolamine dodecylbenzenesulfonate
Dichlorvos	Triethylamine
Diethyl amine	Trimethylamine
Dimethyl amine	Uranium
Dinitrobenzene	Vanadium
Diquat Vinyl acetate	
Disulfoton	Xylene
Diuron Xylenol	
Epichlorohydrin	Zirconium
Ethion	
Ethylene diamine	
Ethylene dibromide	
Formaldehyde	
Furfural	
Guthion	
Isoprene	
Isopropanolamine Dodecylbenzenesulfonate	
Kelthane	
Kepone	
Malathion	
Mercaptodimethur	
Methoxychlor	
Methyl mercaptan	
Methyl methacrylate	
Methyl parathion	
Mevinphos	
Mexacarbate	
Monoethyl amine	
Monomethyl amine	
Naled	
Napthenic acid	
Nitrotoluene	
Parathion	
Phenolsulfanate	
Phosgene	
Propargite	
Propylene oxide	

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Permit No. MO-R23A123  
June 26, 2006

Downstream Landowner(s):

Mountain Grove Municipal Golf Course  
1002 W. First Street  
Mountain Grove, MO 65711

640.018 RSMo – Public Participation Preliminary Review (OPPNREV) Waived by Applicant -  
No

Date sent: July 7, 2006

Comment due date: July 25, 2006

     Comments received – resolve comments then PN

xx No comments received – proceed with PN

Permit Development Comments:

None.

July 7, 2006

Airgas Mid America Inc.  
3500 Bernard Ave.  
St. Louis, MO 63103

Re: Public Notice for Proposed State Operating Permit for Airgas, Wright County

Dear Applicant:

As per Missouri Clean Water Law, Section 640.018 RSMo a permit applicant shall have ten (10) days to review the draft permit for nonsubstantive drafting errors and comment to the department prior to public notice. The proposed draft Missouri State Operating Permit is enclosed for your preliminary review and comment. Please review this draft permit for typographical and grammatical errors. Comments pertaining to items other than nonsubstantive issues will not be addressed until the official public notice period which is scheduled to begin on August 4, 2006.

All comments regarding nonsubstantive issues must be received in our office by 5:00 p.m. on July 25, 2006. These comments shall be sent to the following address:

Attn: Ms. Kristen Pattinson  
Missouri Department of Natural Resources  
Southwest Regional Office  
2040 W. Woodland  
Springfield, MO 65807

If you have questions, please contact me by calling 417-891-4300.

Sincerely,

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICE

Kristen Pattinson  
Environmental Specialist

KRP/hsl

Enclosure

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August 4, 2006

Airgas Mid America Inc.  
3500 Bernard Ave.  
St. Louis, MO 63103

Re: Public Notice for Proposed State Operating Permit for Airgas, Wright County

Dear Applicant:

Federal regulations require issuance of this public notice to inform interested persons of the agency's intent to issue an operating permit to discharge, and allows a 30-day period for comment. This public notice package should be posted on a bulletin board at your place of business. If response to the public notice indicates significant interest, a public hearing or adjudicatory hearing may be held. Based on comments received, or the results of a hearing, the proposed permit will be modified and issued or possibly denied.

If you have questions, please contact Ms. Kristen Pattinson by calling 417-891-4300 or via mail at Southwest Regional Office, 2040 W. Woodland, Springfield, MO 65807-5912.

Sincerely,

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICE

Cynthia S. Davies  
Regional Director

CSD/kpl

Enclosures

c: Airgas

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August 4, 2006

Postmaster  
C/o Local Post Office  
United States Post Office  
Mountain Grove, MO 65711

Re: Public Notice for Proposed State Operating Permit for Airgas, Wright County

Enclosed is a public notice regarding a proposed State Operating Permit. It is required that this notice be posted in the post office "nearest the premises of the applicant in which the effluent source is located" in accordance with the Federal Register, Section 124.32(a)(1)(i), December 22, 1972. We will appreciate your assistance in posting this notice on a public bulletin board in your office until the expiration date for public comment stated therein. Please sign and return the enclosed card to this agency.

If you have questions, please contact Ms. Kristen Pattinson by calling 417-891-4300 or via mail at Southwest Regional Office, 2040 W. Woodland, Springfield, MO 65807-5912.

Sincerely,

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICE

Cynthia S. Davies  
Regional Director

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August 4, 2006

City Clerk  
P.O. Box 351  
Mountain Grove, MO 65711

Re: Public Notice for Proposed State Operating Permit for Airgas, Wright County

Enclosed is a public notice regarding a proposed State Operating Permit. It is required that this notice be posted in the "public places of the municipality nearest the premises of the applicant in which the effluent source is located" in accordance with the Federal Register, Section 124.32(a)(1)(i), December 22, 1972. We will appreciate your assistance in posting this notice on a public bulletin board in your office until the expiration date for public comment stated therein.

In order that we may be assured of fulfilling all legal requirements, we ask that the enclosed card be signed and returned within seven (7) days.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

If you have questions, please contact Ms. Kristen Pattinson by calling 417-891-4300 or via mail at Southwest Regional Office, 2040 W. Woodland, Springfield, MO 65807-5912.

Sincerely,

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICE

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